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**Louisiana Milk Production**

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 112 million pounds of milk during the April-June 2006 quarter, down 10 percent from the same period in 2005. The number of milk cows averaged 32,000 head during the quarter, down 11 percent from last year.



**United States Milk Production**

Milk production in the 23 major states during June totaled 14 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 46.9 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 93,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Milk Production: Selected States, April - June 2005 – 2006**

| Selected States              | April-June<br>Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> |              | April-June<br>Milk Production <sup>2</sup> |               |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
|                              | 2005                                 | 2006         | 2005                                       | 2006          |
|                              | ----- Thousands -----                |              | ----- Million Pounds -----                 |               |
| Alabama                      | 16                                   | 14           | 63   | 57            |
| Arkansas                     | 23                                   | 21           | 80   | 74            |
| <b>Louisiana</b>             | <b>36</b>                            | <b>32</b>    | <b>124</b>                                 | <b>112</b>    |
| Mississippi                  | 26                                   | 23           | 109  | 93            |
| Oklahoma                     | 75                                   | 75           | 321  | 317           |
| Tennessee                    | 71                                   | 67           | 300  | 284           |
| Texas                        | 320                                  | 330          | 1,704                                      | 1,891         |
| 23 Major States <sup>3</sup> | 8,129                                | 8,254        | 41,783                                     | 42,939        |
| <b>United States</b>         | <b>9,041</b>                         | <b>9,134</b> | <b>45,831</b>                              | <b>46,896</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

## U.S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels. This is up 1 percent from last month but down 15 percent from 2005. The U. S. yield is forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 31.1 million, down 8 percent from 2005 but unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2006. Harvest progress, in the 18 major producing states, was 65 percent complete by July 2. This was 9 percentage points ahead of last year and 10 points ahead of the 5-year average.

Harvest progress was ahead of normal in all Hard Red Winter states, except Montana, due to drought conditions across much of the Great Plains region which accelerated crop development and maturation. In Oklahoma, late developing wheat in the major-producing areas was helped by rainfall during June. Crop development in Montana continued at a rapid pace due to hot weather during the latter part of the month.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter growing area except Georgia and New York. Harvest is nearly complete in the southern portion of the growing area and revealed that dry spring weather did not affect yields as much as previously thought. Elsewhere, harvest is behind normal in several states in the northern portion of the growing area. In Ohio, lodging was reported in some wheat fields in the northern part of the state due to strong storms that occurred the third week of June. Growers in Illinois are expecting better yields than previously thought due to a continuation of ideal growing conditions during June. Record high yields are expected in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

White Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest are at or below the previous month. In Idaho, yields are down due to a lack of timely rains during June. Growers in Oregon applied fungicides to wheat fields and are not expecting widespread harvesting to begin for another few weeks. Warm temperatures during the latter part of June accelerated crop development across the Pacific Northwest.

### July 1, 2006 Crop Report, Winter Wheat

| Selected States      | Area Harvested          |               | Yield               |             | Production                |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|                      |                         | Ind           |                     | Ind         |                           | Ind              |
|                      | 2005                    | 2006          | 2005                | 2006        | 2005                      | 2006             |
|                      | ----- 1,000 Acres ----- |               | ----- Bushels ----- |             | ----- 1,000 Bushels ----- |                  |
| Arkansas             | 160                     | 300           | 52.0                | 61.0        | 8,320                     | 18,300           |
| Colorado             | 2,200                   | 2,000         | 24.0                | 21.0        | 52,800                    | 42,000           |
| Kansas               | 9,500                   | 9,400         | 40.0                | 32.0        | 380,000                   | 300,800          |
| <b>Louisiana</b>     | <b>100</b>              | <b>1/</b>     | <b>48.0</b>         | <b>1/</b>   | <b>4,800</b>              | <b>1/</b>        |
| Mississippi          | 65                      | 70            | 50.0                | 57.0        | 3,250                     | 3,990            |
| Oklahoma             | 4,000                   | 3,100         | 32.0                | 23.0        | 128,000                   | 71,300           |
| Texas                | 3,000                   | 1,400         | 32.0                | 25.0        | 96,000                    | 35,000           |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>33,794</b>           | <b>31,108</b> | <b>44.4</b>         | <b>41.1</b> | <b>1,499,129</b>          | <b>1,280,005</b> |

<sup>1</sup>Not available until September 30, 2006.

## 2005 Pecan Production Down

Production of all pecans in the United States in 2005 totaled 280.2 million pounds, up 51 percent from 2004. Production of improved varieties, at 228.6 million pounds, was up 64 percent from the previous year, while the native and seedling output totaled 51.6 million pounds, compared to the 46.8 million pounds the previous year.

The average price of all pecans in the United States was \$1.45 per pound, down .31 cents from 2004.

The value of utilized production in the U.S. was \$4.07 million in 2005, up 24 percent from the previous year. New Mexico led all states in value of pecan production with \$110.5 million, Georgia was second with \$101.4 million and Texas was third with \$95.9 million.

### United States Pecans

| Variety                               | Utilized Production      |                |                | Price Per Pound     |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2003                     | 2004           | 2005           | 2003                | 2004         | 2005         |
|                                       | ----- 1,000 Pounds ----- |                |                | ----- Dollars ----- |              |              |
| <b>Improved Varieties<sup>1</sup></b> |                          |                |                |                     |              |              |
| Alabama                               | 7,000                    | 1,000          | 3,200          | 0.940               | 1.210        | 1.160        |
| Arizona                               | 22,500                   | 14,000         | 22,000         | 1.040               | 1.850        | 1.600        |
| Arkansas                              | 1,400                    | 1,000          | 1,100          | 1.100               | 1.400        | 1.400        |
| California                            | 3,700                    | 3,500          | 3,900          | 1.420               | 2.210        | 1.800        |
| Florida                               | 500                      | 400            | 300            | 1.000               | 1.500        | 1.400        |
| Georgia                               | 60,000                   | 42,000         | 72,000         | 1.000               | 1.770        | 1.320        |
| <b>Louisiana</b>                      | <b>4,000</b>             | <b>2,500</b>   | <b>1,000</b>   | <b>1.080</b>        | <b>1.400</b> | <b>1.750</b> |
| Mississippi                           | 4,800                    | 700            | 800            | 0.860               | 1.300        | 1.900        |
| Missouri <sup>2</sup>                 | ---                      | ---            | 200            | ---                 | ---          | 1.880        |
| New Mexico                            | 55,000                   | 39,000         | 65,000         | 1.280               | 2.280        | 1.700        |
| North Carolina                        | 2,200                    | 70             | 1,650          | 0.850               | 2.000        | 1.000        |
| Oklahoma                              | 1,500                    | 6,000          | 6,000          | 1.120               | 1.600        | 1.900        |
| South Carolina                        | 3,300                    | 800            | 1,500          | 0.850               | 1.800        | 1.090        |
| Texas                                 | 37,000                   | 28,000         | 50,000         | 1.110               | 1.840        | 1.590        |
| <b>United States</b>                  | <b>202,900</b>           | <b>138,970</b> | <b>228,650</b> | <b>1.100</b>        | <b>1.920</b> | <b>1.540</b> |
| <b>Native and Seedling</b>            |                          |                |                |                     |              |              |
| Alabama                               | 1,000                    | 100            | 800            | 0.690               | 0.840        | 0.840        |
| Arkansas                              | 2,400                    | 700            | 1,200          | 0.720               | 1.200        | 1.100        |
| Florida                               | 1,600                    | 100            | 700            | 0.600               | 0.950        | 0.850        |
| Georgia                               | 15,000                   | 3,000          | 8,000          | 0.640               | 1.240        | 0.800        |
| Kansas                                | 2,000                    | 1,800          | 3,200          | 0.870               | 1.750        | 1.300        |
| <b>Louisiana</b>                      | <b>16,000</b>            | <b>6,500</b>   | <b>4,000</b>   | <b>0.680</b>        | <b>0.950</b> | <b>1.000</b> |
| Mississippi                           | 2,200                    | 300            | 200            | 0.500               | 0.800        | 1.200        |
| Missouri <sup>2</sup>                 | ---                      | ---            | 2,400          | ---                 | ---          | 1.240        |
| North Carolina                        | 300                      | 30             | 350            | 0.500               | 1.500        | 0.800        |
| Oklahoma                              | 4,500                    | 22,000         | 15,000         | 0.800               | 1.350        | 1.200        |
| South Carolina                        | 1,200                    | 300            | 700            | 0.720               | 1.400        | 0.820        |
| Texas                                 | 33,000                   | 12,000         | 15,000         | 0.690               | 1.270        | 1.090        |
| <b>United States</b>                  | <b>79,200</b>            | <b>46,830</b>  | <b>51,550</b>  | <b>0.683</b>        | <b>1.280</b> | <b>1.080</b> |
| <b>All Pecans</b>                     |                          |                |                |                     |              |              |
| Alabama                               | 8,000                    | 1,100          | 4,000          | 0.909               | 1.180        | 1.100        |
| Arizona                               | 22,500                   | 14,000         | 22,000         | 1.040               | 1.850        | 1.600        |
| Arkansas                              | 3,800                    | 1,700          | 2,300          | 0.860               | 1.320        | 1.240        |
| California                            | 3,700                    | 3,500          | 3,900          | 1.420               | 2.210        | 1.800        |
| Florida                               | 2,100                    | 500            | 1,000          | 0.695               | 1.390        | 1.020        |
| Georgia                               | 75,000                   | 45,000         | 80,000         | 0.928               | 1.730        | 1.270        |
| Kansas                                | 2,000                    | 1,800          | 3,200          | 0.870               | 1.750        | 1.300        |
| <b>Louisiana</b>                      | <b>20,000</b>            | <b>9,000</b>   | <b>5,000</b>   | <b>0.760</b>        | <b>1.080</b> | <b>1.150</b> |
| Mississippi                           | 7,000                    | 1,000          | 1,000          | 0.747               | 1.150        | 1.760        |
| Missouri <sup>2</sup>                 | ---                      | ---            | 2,600          | ---                 | ---          | 1.290        |
| New Mexico                            | 55,000                   | 39,000         | 65,000         | 1.280               | 2.280        | 1.700        |
| North Carolina                        | 2,500                    | 100            | 2,000          | 0.808               | 1.850        | 0.965        |
| Oklahoma                              | 6,000                    | 28,000         | 21,000         | 0.880               | 1.400        | 1.400        |
| South Carolina                        | 4,500                    | 1,100          | 2,200          | 0.815               | 1.690        | 1.000        |
| Texas                                 | 70,000                   | 40,000         | 65,000         | 0.912               | 1.670        | 1.470        |
| <b>United States</b>                  | <b>282,100</b>           | <b>185,800</b> | <b>280,200</b> | <b>0.984</b>        | <b>1.760</b> | <b>1.450</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2005.

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